Emissions Reduction Products for Off-Road >25 hp SI Engines

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Industry Experience

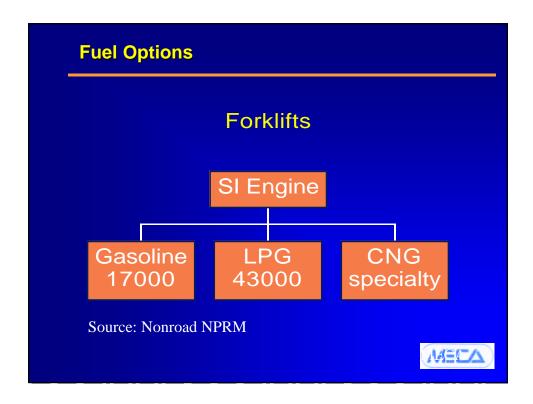
- Emissions Control Systems have been marketed for over 25 years
 - to reduce indoor CO levels
 - to help companies to meet OSHA limits
- >150,000 direct fit systems sold
- Closed Loop LPG systems marketed for over four years



Current System Use

- Systems have been traditionally used to reduce CO emissions of vehicles working indoors and in confined areas
- System use aids OSHA compliance
- System use increases productivity
- System use can reduce vehicle accidents due to operator exposure





Current Industry Technologies Fuel Specific In-Line Converters and Integrated Converter Mufflers Oxidation Catalysts 3-way Catalysts Closed Loop Fuel Management Systems Electronic Safety Packages for Open Loop systems







-way Performance: LP			
45hp; 2L engine ISO 8 Mode (g/bhp-hr)	СО	НС	NOx
Baseline -open loop; lean	109	3.11	8.75
Standard ECM -closed loop, stoich.	14	1.99	18.57
Std ECM w/ Catalyst	0.16	0.01	3.28
Optimized ECM w/ Catalyst	0.78	0.04	1.10
Source: Environment Canada			M

Issue: Catalyst Overheating with Open Loop Fuel Systems

- Causes
 - Overfueling / poor air / fuel ratio control
 - Timing Misadjustment/Misfires
 - Dirty air intake systems
 - Weak ignition system



Issue: Catalyst Overheating with Open Loop Fuel Systems

- Solutions
 - 2-way systems include venturis
 - Electronic Safety Packages will warn of excessive exhaust heat & need for maintenance



Issue: Catalyst Inactivity due to Excessive Idle /Cold Start

- Electronic Safety Package indicates when exhaust temperatures are below catalyst light-off
- Many forklifts idle at exhaust temperatures above catalyst light-off
- Industry is looking at generating data on this issue



UL 558 Safety Standard

- Applies to internal combustion engine powered industrial trucks
- Covers tractors, platform lift trucks, fork-lift trucks and other specialized vehicles for industrial use



UL 558 Safety Standard

- Types of Approval
 - G, D, LP and G/LP
 - shall not rupture under backfire conditions
 - GS, DS, LPS, GS/LPS
 - shall not emit sparks or rupture under backfire conditions



UL 558 Safety Standard

- 2 approval options
 - build truck using UL approved parts
 - build truck and certify the whole vehicle
- UL approved exhaust components can be installed on a UL approved truck without re-certifying the vehicle



UL 558 Safety Standard

 Over 40 different UL approved converter mufflers supplied by MECA member companies



Summary

- Catalyst technology has been applied for over 25 yrs on off-road >25 hp SI engines
- Optimized closed loop emissions control system can significantly reduce CO, HC and NOx emissions

